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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER TO LIBYA

1. PRIME MINISTER CHIEF LEABUA JONATHAN LEFT MASERU YESTERDAY FOR TRIPOLI. THE TRIP WAS A SURPRISE AND WAS ANNOUNCED ONLY ON SATURDAY. THE PM WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER, C.D. MOLAPO, AND THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS, PEETE N. PEETE.

2. WE HAVE A REPORT FROM A USUALLY WELL-INFORMED SOURCE THAT THE VISIT TO LIBYA IS A FOLLOW-UP TO TALKS AT COLOMBO WITH PRESIDENT QADDAFI CONCERNING THE FINANCING OF THE GOL'S PROPOSAL TO CONSTRUCT AN AIRPORT DESIGNED TO HANDLE INTERNATIONAL AIRCRAFT TRAFFIC. PRESENTLY, LESOTHO'S ONLY AIR CONNECTION WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD IS THROUGH JAN SMUTS AIRPORT IN JOHANNESBURG, WHERE THE PM'S FLIGHT TO LIBYA WAS TO ORIGINATE. THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS HAS MADE TWO OR THREE PREVIOUS VISITS TO LIBYA.
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